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Waiting for the Decision.
The inquiry is now before the judges. The Star has treated it as a judicial proceeding of national importance and reporting it with conspicuous fidelity and accuracy, and printing each day through a special telephone service from the court room information concerning the proceedings up to the very verge of adjournment. The people of the city have thus been enabled to follow each evening the progress of the inquiry during the day.

For the very reason that the inquiry is essentially a judicial proceeding THE STAR has refrained from editorial comment intended to influence the court either for or against Admiral Schley. It has considered that the intense advocacy of a preconceived idea of the court's proper judgment in the matter, involving as it does dissenting witnesses and counsel, would be unfair to everybody concerned, and in effect contempt of court, no matter how much the insidious attempt improperly to sway the judges might be disguised in words of flattery.

In August before the court of inquiry began its sessions THE STAR said editorially: The issue to be tried before the naval court of inquiry is not whether Admiral Schley is a coward. No one appears to prosecute on such an accusation. The charge is not in the precept. The American Academy has been vigorously repudiated by the Secretary of the Navy. The Naval Academy authorities have destroyed the illusion that at academy the American Academy is a coward. They really do not need the evidence of Cervera or any Spanish captain on this point. It is only the petty irresponsibilities on both sides of the controversy who introduce into it the malignant libels upon the courage or manhood of the two admirals.

The inquiry will evidently deal with such questions as that of alleged insubordination on the part of Schley, in disobeying or saying that he must disobey orders, which circumstances demonstrated to be wise; and that of alleged inefficiency through errors of judgment in handling the flying squadron at Cienfuegos and Santiago, and the controversy over what occurred and was said on the bridge of the Brooklyn at the time of making the leap, involving a question of veracity of the testimony given incidentally on the other side renowned stress will be laid upon Admiral Sampson's absence from the New York from the scene of the battle and upon his conduct in the tactics cablegram announcing the Santiago victory; and the facts will be developed which will indirectly sustain or discredit the softness of his judgment and the wisdom of his acts as commander of the fleet.

The most unsatisfactory result of the investigation will be the conversion of the inquiry into a petty competition in scandalous defamation between American naval officers. It is in the position, however, that each clash of opinion between responsible men, thus contending in the open, can reproduce even faintly the venomous and cruel abuse which has been in the newspapers poured upon both Sampson and Schley.

The American people will be best pleased if the results of the inquiry justify their ears in disgust to the responsive chorus of trials slander supplied by certain adherents of each admiral. They will be gratified if the fact is made plain to the world that the American navy is sound of heart and sound of head, and that it is not a cowardly backbiting, dishonest conspirators. They are not eager to have the Sampsons crush Schley or the Schleys crush Sampson; for in the reciprocal crushing the American navy is sure to suffer more and more in popular respect and admiration. They will hope that the blunders or misadventures, ascribed upon any American officer in connection with the glorious campaign of our navy in the war with Spain, may be out to a few and venial, and that after due allowances are made for human infirmities both admirals, now under fire, and all American naval officers, may appear as brave and gallant, capable commanders and good Americans.

The Star entertains the same views at the end of the inquiry as at the beginning. It deprecates the venomous personal partisanship which has converted the Santiago naval operations from a national glory into a national scandal. It deprecates the perverted political ingenuity which has fostered this shameful transformation for base partisan ends.

It is admitted that there is no issue before the court of inquiry concerning Admiral Schley's personal courage, and no question as to its existence in fact. It is admitted that the accusations of malicious mutilation of records by the Navy Department to the injury of Admiral Schley have fallen to the ground. Thus the most offensive suggestions from the partisans on the two sides of the controversy have been dissipated.

Concerning the matters directly before the court under the precept bearing upon Admiral Schley's conduct when in independent command of the flying squadron, THE STAR retains its original belief that it would have been better to view these preliminary and resultless acts as merged in, and, if characterized by any shortcomings, as compensated for by the glorious victory of Santiago in which the officer played so conspicuous a part. But an exhaustive inquiry was asked for and granted; and the evidence is now before a court in whose fairness and sound judgment every one has confidence. The Star accepts in advance the finding of this court, in the certainty that it will be so framed as at the same time to do justice to Admiral Schley and to promote the discipline, development and general welfare of the American navy.

Mr. Carnegie declares that he is not in favor of an isthmian canal. The hope that he would take hold and dig the ditch at his own expense is thus rudely shattered.

The Dinner in the Campaign.
Really now, did the Booker Washington dinner cut the slightest figure in Tuesday's elections? We were solemnly assured that it would; that in every state where campaigns were in progress its effects would appear, and that in several states the republicans, as a penalty for the President's election, had been swept out of existence. But how stands the record?

Mr. Gorman claims the Maryland legislature, but as the result of what? Wholesale and unflinching skullidugery. An election law designed in trickery and applied on Tuesday in dishonor, has enabled him so to confuse the situation that at the end of four days the official returns are not yet all in. The city of Baltimore again went republican, and there is no reason to doubt that a fair count outside the city would have piled the republican figures still higher. Evidently the people of Maryland were not violently agitated about the dinner.

The democratic triumph in Kentucky cannot be attributed to the dinner. Whatever chance the republicans might have had was hopelessly wrecked by internal dissensions and bad management. Their strong men were not in the forefront of the battle, and there was more than a suspicion

that some of them were not in the battle at all. A house divided against itself cannot stand. With some of the most capable and attractive men in the country in the ranks, the Kentucky republicans in too many instances have yet put forward men outside the list of these for recognition, and with a result both inevitable and deserved. The democratic leadership also was far from representing the best that party has to offer, but the party itself was united.

In Virginia was witnessed that amusing old game with which the country has grown familiar. The result was never for a moment in doubt. Mr. Montague received his certificate of election the day he was nominated. A republican nomination was not forbidden, but it signified nothing. Col. Hoge entertained large crowds, and enjoyed the occasions himself, but his defeat at the polls was a foregone conclusion. The majority against him was a little matter of thirty or forty thousand. The dinner was discussed with other things, but only as a matter of form. It was not needed in the business.

In Iowa, Ohio, New York, Massachusetts, Pennsylvania, Nebraska, where was the war? If civilization had been at stake should we not have witnessed a rally for its preservation in those quarters? Aren't the good folk of those states alive to the pride or race, and to the protection of the mahogany?

No, the dinner, as a political issue, proved to be a flash in the pan—the frying pan. Those who attempted to use it were quietly but firmly rebuffed.

Congress and Reciprocity.
Suppose the democratic leaders in Congress, after the party won its free trade victory in 1892, had upon some investigation and reflection, decided not to attempt any tariff legislation at all. Suppose they had in substance announced: "We were entirely sincere in our campaign promises on the subject of the tariff. We did intend to put the knife to protection in vigorous fashion. But we find to our surprise and regret that some of our party friends are under the influence of the business interests, and are unwilling to aid us in the work that ought to be done. We may admit, moreover, that protection has a deeper root than we thought. Since, therefore, we cannot keep our word to the letter, we shall attempt no reduction of taxation until the situation is more promising from our point of view."

What would inevitably have been the effect of such an announcement? We know what the leaders did, and what the effect of that was. Finding that they had promised the impossible on the stump, and that it was not feasible, nor would it be wise, to bring in a free trade tariff bill, they twisted and evaded as well as they could, and finally brought in a bill which pleased nobody. The result was the source of derision of the democracy at the next congressional elections. Mr. McKinley's success followed in 1896. But had the party done nothing at all with the issue upon which it had gained power, would not defeat have certainly have followed, with disgrace added to it?

The republicans did not win last year's election on the reciprocity issue, but the party in its platform declared for reciprocity and reciprocity results, negotiated by a special commissioner appointed by Mr. McKinley, were then in existence. And since that time Mr. McKinley had put reciprocity ahead of all other issues, and he died with an appeal for reciprocity on his lips. Moreover, Mr. Roosevelt has pledged himself to the general line of the McKinley policies, and for doing so has been applauded by the country.

In the light of this, will the republican leaders in Congress put themselves in opposition to reciprocity? Will they declare such conventions impracticable? Will they plead that after conferring with the wool men, the sugar men, and the steel men, they find themselves unable to agree to any efforts of that kind to increase our foreign trade? Are last year's campaign declarations, Mr. McKinley's last speech and the widely recognized necessity for new markets for our rapidly increasing production to be put aside as of no moment? Could the democrats desire a better issue for next year's campaigns? Would they not be very likely to win with it? The republican party has no record for timidity or repudiation, and it had better not at this late day begin to make one.

Li Hung Chang and Russia.
The story now comes from Peking to the effect that Li Hung Chang's death was immediately caused by the excitement of a heated controversy with the Russian minister over the new Manchurian treaty. According to the reports Russia was anxious for an immediate ratification without disclosure of the terms of the agreement. Japan, however, learned of the terms and objected strongly to the ratification. The result was an intrigue for the blocking of Russia's game, with the aged earl between the contending powers and the court. According to the latest understanding, the treaty is not yet signed and the case is open to the intervention of Japan and perhaps other powers. The details of that fatal interview between Li Hung Chang and the Russian minister may never be known. It must have been of a violent nature, however, to cause the usually phlegmatic celestial to become so excited as to precipitate a hemorrhage. It is clear that the element of tragedy has not been exhausted from the Chinese situation.

A Hand Game.
Although in an unselfish tone Men preach the golden rule anew, Each always tries to keep his own And get the other fellow's, too.

Both Sides of the Transaction.
"My father is a broker," said one little girl. "What's yours?" "He's one of the people who get broke," answered the other.

His Criticism.
"What do you think of our new oil painting?" asked Mrs. Cumrox. "Well," answered Mr. Cumrox, "it looks right good from the front, but if you turn it around and look at the other side I must say the material seems kind of cheap."

A Test of Patience.
Perhaps in that millennial time Which nations all await We'll bid farewell to every ill And feel no fears of fate.

Your collar buttons won't get lost, Your trousers will not bag; The motorman will always stop Whenever a car you flag.

Your shoe soles never will get thin, Your buttons won't come off, Your friends will always throw bouquets And never stop to scoff.

It makes us smile whenever we think Of all this comfort great— And yet the solemn thought occurs: It's very long to wait.

Hope.
From the Atlanta Constitution. With every vestige of leadership wiped away, with the animosities of previous campaigns relegated to the rear, there is a new suggestion. A clear field and an unclouded future open the way for the democracy of the country to pull together again. The issues of 1904 should be those of the day, having nothing to do with the reform of abuses as well as the elevation of our national prestige. The Constitution sees hope in the situation.

Reform.
From the Baltimore American. A western city has started a tremendous reform. It is nothing more or less than the compulsory education of the telephone girls. They are to take lessons in voice culture, so that their clear enunciation will be unmistakable to the voice of the man who works the bell. There is no telling but the system may be extended to brakemen on trains, so that passengers like the telephone girls, will no longer be compelled to wonder "where they are at."

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From the Chicago Tribune. The intimation to Mr. Bryan is unmistakable. He is admonished to place himself a considerable distance in the rear and comply with the customary requirement.

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Mississippi running for office by mail: Could anything be more complete or containing show the variety of our political life and the possibilities of our institutions? Is it too great a stretch of fancy to suppose that in a few years some such correspondence as this may pass in that state? "Dear Jack: As you are a close reader of the newspapers, you may know that I am a candidate, or rather the candidate, for Congress in this district. The committee named me. I didn't want the 'blasted' office, but now that my head is out I must go through the motions. The nomination must be ratified at what we call the polls, and so I write to ask you to drum up a few of your neighbors on election day and ratify for your town. Don't forget. First Tuesday in November. So long."

A few days after election the writer of the foregoing receives the following reply: "Dear Ned: Congratulations on your success. I turned in a dozen or more votes for you, which I hope sufficed for this locality. Was unable to go to the polls myself, owing to a previous engagement. But I had only to explain to my neighbors that you were a friend of mine to enlist them in your behalf. Of course you'll stand for a second term, and then, old man, you must do the thing in the old style that we read about. Should enjoy above all things seeing you on the stump, hard pressed by some other fellow, and obliged to hustle for every vote you got."

But, as restful and idyllic as this sort of thing is, it would be better for the Mississippi if there were two parties in the state, and if even now candidates for office were obliged to hustle for every vote they got.

Some insurance companies are now issuing policies to total abstainers as a separate class. Whether or not the total abstainer is likely to live longer or not is a matter still in debate. But there is not much doubt that, as a rule, he will average higher than the other people in keeping policies from lapsing, and this fact might make a difference to the disadvantage of the policy holders whose claims come to a final settlement.

A California florist has produced a daisy which measures a foot in circumference. If the daisy can be generally persuaded to thus concentrate itself instead of scattering its blossoms all over the ten-acre lot, the farm hands of the nation will rejoice.

That there should be a difference of opinion between Mr. Hanna and President Roosevelt in the method of dealing with the trust question should occasion no surprise. It is a topic on which very few people agree.

Richard Croker says that when he goes away from this country for a vacation, it is with the sanction of his party. Some day his party may see fit to extend him this sanction for keeps.

It is to be hoped that a man of such classic features and such polished oratory as Mr. Bryan will not let agriculture tempt him to grow large whiskers and say "b'gosh."

Every time one metropolitan editor gets into trouble a large number of other metropolitan editors rejoice. There are bitter rivalries in journalism as well as in commerce.

Unfortunately the Bulgarians do not trade with this country extensively enough to allow us to make up the ransom by revising tariff rates affecting them.

Any anarchist, if he happened to inherit a brewery, would demand all the protection that the government could afford.

The sultan has managed to get an extension of time on the whipping he has long deserved.

Reciprocity.
"Do you think your constituents will lend their indorsement to your course?" said the friend. "I never thought about it," answered Senator Sorghum. "But if my constituents will keep out of debt and not ask me for indorsements I'll be willing to take chances on needing theirs."

The Various Divorce Laws.
"Are you married or single?" asked the person who never hesitates to ask questions. "It all depends," answered the man with the worried look, "on which state of the Union I happen to be living in."

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